



State of Delaware
Homeland Security Advisory Council
(HSAC)

Minutes

05/17/2017

0900-1100

Public Safety Building
Main Conference Room
303 Transportation Circle
Dover DE 19901

1. PUBLIC SESSION - Welcome, Call to Order, and Room Introductions

- **Ray Holcomb, Co-Chair** called the meeting to order and also had everyone provide a brief introduction of themselves.

Voting Council Members

Raymond Holcomb, HSA	Department of Safety & Homeland Security – Co-Chair
Lt. Colonel Monroe Hudson	Delaware State Police
Elayne Starkey, CSO	Department of Technology & Information
Gene Donaldson, TMC Mgr.	Department of Transportation/TMC
Colonel Richard Arroyo	Delaware River & Bay Authority, Chief of Police
Steven Blessing	DHSS/Division of Public Health, Section Chief
Director A. J. Schall	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
John Sadowski	Wilmington University
LTC Wiley O. Blevins	Delaware National Guard, Director, Military Support
Wayne Smith, President	Delaware Healthcare Association
Captain Mike Merson	Department of Corrections

Non-voting Attendees

Heather L. Hirst DVM MS	Department of Agriculture
James Hosfelt	Dover Motorsports
Paige Fitzgerald	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Renee Hupp	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Chris Murtha	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Derek Finney	Dover Air Force Base

Council Support

Major Daniel Meadows	Delaware Information & Analysis Center (DIAC)/OIC
Donna Moran	Department of Safety & Homeland Security, OSEC

Council Legal Staff

DAG Lisa Morris	Department of Justice, Civil Division
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Federal, State & Local Partners Non-voting Attendees

Ken Greeson	Protective Security Advisor, Department of Homeland Security
Dwayne Day, HS Planner	Department of Transportation/TMC, Alternate
Lt. Tim Hulings	Delaware Information & Analysis Center/DSP
Joseph Hughes	Delaware League of Local Governments (DLLG)
Brian Pollock	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
M/Cpl. Timothy Kerstetter	Delaware State Police
James S. Markley	FBI
Captain William Crotty	DIAC

2. Approval of Minutes

- **LTC Wiley O. Blevins** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by **Colonel Richard Arroyo** and unanimously approved by voting members of the Council in attendance.

DTI

Elayne Starkey joined us by phone to provide a briefing regarding the Ransomware attack “WannaCry.” Within the first 10 hrs. WannaCry hit 80,000 systems worldwide. It locks down all files on an affected computer and demands digital currency. We all need to understand the threat is real and take precautions while we are working and use good cyber hygiene. There is no evidence of problems with the State of Delaware.

Follow up discussion regarding DTI briefing

DIAC

DHS and FBI issued a joint intelligence bulletin with information about White Supremacist and other potential threats, a concern heightened by civil war figures

being removed in southern states, which may be a trigger point for some, and is something that is being closely watched. A New Jersey man was recently arrested on February 21st for spouting Ideology from the internet, possession of weapons, and stating that he was going to fight for ISIS. This is a very close to home arrest. An extremist traveler, a US man was recently arrested in Turkey for attempting to fight for ISIS. US persons are still seeking travel to go to Turkey. Ebola is on the rise again in Africa. Maritime traffic associated with those countries and border control and customs is being monitored so the waterways are kept safe and we have no one swimming or jumping from any of the ships from those regions. On a bizarre and scary note, ISIS is also utilizing organ harvesting to help fund and support terrorism. What that means for the Public Health is, to be aware of organs entering the U.S. by way of a black market. This speaks to the level of ISIS desperation. Biohazard: Synthetic Opioids continue to be a problem. Synthetic Opioids pose a serious risk and side effects to first responders who may be exposed. A recent case, a police officer was exposed to the synthetic opioids and four injections of Narcan had to be used to revive the officer. Synthetic Opioids are also being monitored with the help of DHS, to make sure they do not become used as a weapon, such as inserting into a HVAC systems or into food at a school in an effort to take out an entire school population. On the matter of IEDS, things going boom have slowed down some, since last time we talked. There have been grenade attacks. A travel ban has been issued by the US Embassy in Africa. It is in effect now, if you plan to travel to that area. One of the biggest problems now in dealing with Terrorist trade craft is that criminals are using prepaid credit cards to purchase drugs or travel across the borders instead of using lump sums of cash. A national team is being formed to look at social media resources used by terrorists and attempt to disrupt them. This would help the United States without having our government overly involved in an area with privacy sensitivities.

Steve Blessing, Public Health

Public Health has been working with all of the hospitals in the state to insure that their IT was not affected by the Malware attack. There have been no reports of any issues. On the Ebola side, The World Health Organization was sent in on May 15 to the reported area of Ebola in Congo,

and there have been 3 deaths and 8 cases of this disease. Congo is not a country that has had a recent outbreak, but there is a tendency for Ebola to spread quickly so it is being monitored. No other reports of this disease in Africa. We continue working with Law Enforcement regarding Heroin, Fentanyl and Narcan. **Secretary Walker** will be talking with **Secretary Coupe** and others about getting more Narcan in the field and ways to expedite this process to as many agencies as possible on the law enforcement side. We are also looking for ways to have Public Access intervention as well. Zika is still out there. A mosquito borne disease that pregnant women are at the greatest risk for. There is nothing to say that a person could get the disease and have only flu like symptoms. The mosquito season is getting ready to start with the summer months upon us; we will be hearing more news on Zika in the next month or so. We are also improving some of our response capabilities in the areas we deal with, Anthrax specifically. We have a state medical stock pile. That the levels fluctuate from time to time. This stockpile is meant to hold us over should we specifically have an anthrax event. We also have antibiotics and other medications to deal with other events. We are purchasing more anti-viral medications and antibiotics to supplement the state stock pile that has dwindled a bit in the last few years. There has been a change in staff. Our Planner **Mercedes Rooks** has moved to FEMA. **Jennifer Dittman**, previously of DEMA has taken the position of Planner and will be handling the stockpile issues and working with the CDC with all new changes. We want everyone to know and feel confident that we are ready for any kind of Anthrax or major flu epidemic to the best extent we can be.

Dr. Heather Hirst, Department of Agriculture

The Avian Flu threat still exists but decreases as the warmer weather approaches. We are still continuing planning efforts and possibly putting together a table top at the end of summer. We have gotten our sub grant set up with the help of DEMA to hire a Planner. The Planner will help develop an agriculture plan for acts of terrorism. This person will update existing state plans with avian influenza, and other emergencies that may come to Delaware and need an immediate response. Regarding highly pathogenic influenza and foreign disease, we may need help from Law Enforcement, DelDOT, Public Health, DNREC and others as one unified effort against diseases.

Discussion on Disease/ NBIS Monitoring List

Ray Holcomb, Steve Blessing and Heather Hirst

Ray Holcomb passed out National Bio- Surveillance Integration System monitoring list (NBIS) and will add members to the mailing list that request this information. The H7N9 flu in China is spreading rapidly to humans. It is animal to human right now and is mostly caught from handling sick poultry. If the mutation did occur to human to human that's when a pandemic would begin. It would begin in China but how long would it actually take to get here with people flying out or into China? Airports, hospitals, etc. would then have to do screening, like we do for Ebola. Our screening methods and our abilities to investigate diseases are much more advanced than what you would see in China. The ability to quarantine or isolate is better and we would have advanced palliative treatment. We probably would not have an immediate vaccination if a new strain hit, but the ability to combat and treat with palliative care and isolation would be much better here than in China.

Wiley Blevins, Delaware National Guard

I received a call from Director Schall asking whether the CST could test for controlled substances such as Fentanyl, Carfetanyl. The CST did conduct a recent test from the ATF and the substance was determined to be PCP. The CST has been recertified. Also, I will be leaving my position- I am not retiring from the Guard. Lieutenant Colonel Garland Pennington will be taking over my position."

Richard Arroyo DRBA

The target date for the northbound license plate reader is to be completed by June 16th. Ferry season is up and coming with a goal of 100 % armed security coverage. Realistically we will have 90% coverage. There are lots of events coming up with the summer season with an airshow in Millville at the end of the month.

AJ Schall DEMA

AJ Schall introduced **Paige Fitzgerald** and **Renee Hupp**, Planners from DEMA. The two work closely with the disciplines on the Homeland Security grant programs. They work with disciplines to set up justifications, requests to fill sub grants, etc. Many of you know **Glenn Gillespie** retired at the end of November as Deputy Director. AJ introduced **Chris Murtha**, New Deputy Director for DEMA. If AJ is not available he will be covering the HSAC meeting, Chris will be able to assist. The notice of funding opportunity for the Homeland Security grant is expected to be out in the next two weeks. Preliminary information from Region 3, is that we are looking at early June at the latest, expecting a shorter turnaround time. FEMA monitoring visit was in February, one of the take away from that was to go back and update our council charter that governs the administration of the grants and the grant subcommittee. Renee and Paige are working on updating it, FEMA has asked for some language updates. Ray Holcomb, DEMA and Secretary Coupe will meet next Friday to request a new executive order at the Governor's office. On this, we need to make sure that the Council oversight is at the macro not the micro level for addressing threats and the mission of the program. AJ will be working with Secretary Coupe and Ray Holcomb along with Renee Hupp and Paige Fitzgerald to set up strategic overview of the grant to make sure we are in grant compliance. AJ summarized the Energy Assurance Region 3 exercise that was done about two weeks ago. Five states participated. The exercise encompassed power distribution stations, a tabletop utilizing DSP and the National Guard with a cyber and terrorism nexsis. We have multiple energy partners in Delaware and had all of the representatives at the tabletop with the DNREC energy group. There was some good coordination of dialogue and how we would respond in an emergency. In two weeks we will be heading into Hurricane season and there is a concern with coastal areas evacuating when warnings are being pushed out; are they really going to listen and evacuate? Lastly, **Steve Blessing** and **Public Health** have been working on a Family Assistance plan. This is a plan designed for transportation carrier incidents, bus crashes, plane crashes and how to deal with victim families and provide services to them. We are in the final stages of this plan. Although this is meant for carrier type incidents, unfortunately this could be used if some type of terrorism event took place. This project is about 90 percent of the way done and we appreciate all of the help from everyone that has assisted with this project.

Ray Holcomb

I had a chance to stop by the Maritime Security Council meeting. They are rolling out a Resiliency plan that is based on a study of the area Ports. They were using geospatial mapping tools, based on a 15 year storm surge and used Philadelphia as the example. It was scary to see how much of that area will be knocked out by a storm surge of that size, the ports and energy substations that would be knocked out. The plan for Port of Wilmington will be delivered very shortly, possibly June. Hand delivered plans will be distributed. It is scary to see what kind of damage a 15 ft. storm surge can do to the economy among other things. AJ from DEMA will be sending out a storm surge interactive map from the National Weather and Hurricane center to give you a visual to see what a 3ft -4ft storm surge can do. Next year's National Level exercise for FEMA will be a hurricane that hits the Hampton roads area. It will impact the North Mid Atlantic, region. This will be a weeklong event and we will be partaking with partners across the state.

Question about grants: *Will Congress be putting a match to Homeland Security grants?*

A J Schall

So at this time, the funding has stayed the same, the state funding may alter a little bit, no major administrative changes. This may be something they do down the road and they may combine grants. Pros and cons to that are, a 50/50 match, state to federal funding. The main concern with that is the Homeland Security grant would be going back out to partners and if there is a 30 day window to submit that then a 10% or 25% match would need to be guaranteed and we are not sure that would be approved in time within the state's budget.

Steve Blessing

There was a report in the newspaper about a TB case in the prison system. We are going to be doing follow up testing which may require consultation with the CDC, so you may see or hear more about this. Right now we think it is a limited amount of contacts, approximately 50. We will be doing routine testing with many prison employees, as we have done in the past. So you may hear about this case or the testing. Right now it is one case and not any more than

that. Also, a reminder to law enforcement to glove up and take precautions handling any of the new substances that are coming out in the drug market. There was a recent death of a police officer after coming into contact with a toxic substance.

Delaware State Police

Lt. Colonel Monroe Hudson

On behalf of the Colonel, I would like to thank everyone that reached out and offered their support on the recent tragedy of Stephen Ballard from the day of his death up until the day of the funeral. Fire, EMS, DeIDOT, Christiana Hospital. Federal, State and local partners; this was a very difficult time but having such support made it a little bit easier. The day of the barricade in Middletown, the UAV support was tremendous and sold us on this program. DSP would love to look at this need for a future investment. The operators did a tremendous job, the reporting, the briefings, everyone did a wonderful job. Narcan has been distributed out to the troopers, the last batches were recalled. Approximately three officers per shift have Narcan in their patrol vehicles. Funding is an issue to keep the supply on hand for every officer.

Events, James Hosfelt

Dover Firefly has attendance down this year. Date: **June 15-18, 2017**, at the Woodlands of Dover, Delaware.

Dover NASCAR Racing **June 2-4 2017**, approximately 50 to 55,000 expected.

Corporal Detective Timothy Kerstetter, DSP

Training announcement: Hometown Security Conference held at Polytech High School on July 26 and 27th, for those of you on the DIAC distribution list, you will be receiving a newsletter regarding free training for First Responders and government partners. As always a fair balance of national subject experts and local subject experts. Please pass this training announcement to anyone on your staff that could benefit from this.

Department of Education

John Sadowski, I want to thank **Bill Crotty** and the **DIAC** regarding all of the information that you send out. I send the information to the schools and they find it very helpful.

Dover Air Force Base

Michael Mendoza, DAFB will be closing the main gate Sunday and directing traffic to the south gate. This will last approximately 5 weeks. Traffic will be redirected, possibly causing delays.

DeIDOT

Dwayne Day, HSAC UAV Sub- Committee, meetings are 1:00pm – 2:00pm and have changed from monthly to Bi-monthly. Things may slow down in the summer months and there may be changes to the committee, possibly a different structure. The last class had 18 students, the next class beginning June 22nd has 20 students, and we have 3 students waiting for pilot certification. There is a 3 day course for pilot certification. There are 14 agencies, 25 certified policies. Regarding the recent events at Vaughn Correctional, there was 15 hours flight on site for the UAV pilots. There were 67 flights including Wilmington Police Department, Delaware State Police, DeIDOT, DEMA and Dover Police Department. On February 22 City of Wilmington had another incident, they were on the scene 4.7 hours and had 12 flights and that was between Wilmington PD and Dover PD. Middletown, DE regarding the Trooper Ballard barricade case, the pilots were on scene 23 1/2 hours, conducted 28 flights. There were pilots from Wilmington PD, DSP, Dover PD and New Castle PD. A conference in Virginia announced during the briefing that UAV use will rise, countermeasures will be pushed out for the states to use and this could open up a can of worms. **Trevor:** With all of the exposure we have had, the New Jersey State Police have asked about coming down and looking at our program and with the goal of developing a UAV program. New Jersey being a state connected to us, we will use a regional approach and see how that goes. **Dwayne:** DeIDOT will use the UAV's at Firefly and NASCAR for traffic support. The Dover International Speedway is going to bring in The International Drone association to hold drone racing, a

contract that will last for the next three years. It involves a 150 x150 net and this is part of a nationwide circuit. The aircraft goes approximately 90 miles an hour, and the race lasts about 20 mins. I encourage everyone to come and see this. It is very different from the way we use drones.

Discussion

Ray Holcomb discussed the recent stand-by valve theft of fire covers which is rampant in Maryland right now. This is problematic and we should be keeping an eye on it. A discussion took place that this is a method sometimes used by terrorists. Once a fire starts in a high rise building, if this valve cover is not attached it would make it difficult to obtain water to put the fire out. ISIS has come out and has encouraged their followers to come out and attack Mass Transit, so I want to bring up that up, ISIS is pushing these attacks on planes, buses, trains and subways. The question asked is: What can we do to counter the self-radicalization problem that is growing? Ray advised getting the indicators out to the community, be aware of early warning signs of someone going bad or self-radicalizing. Be aware, by watching our neighbors, coworkers and friends even though this may be a sensitive issue in today's America we have to be a bit more proactive.

- **Ray Holcomb** thanked everyone for coming.

3. Meeting adjourned following a motion made by **Gene Donaldson** that was seconded by **LTC Wiley Blevins** and unanimously approved by the voting members in attendance at 9:58 AM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Public Safety Building

Large 2nd Floor Conference Room